NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32
FILM POSTERS

VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

Compulsion

is **Not Approved.**

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick entitled *Compulsion* is not approved because of strong degrading and dehumasing textual references.

The publication contains colour photographic images of female nudity and small inset photographs of male to female sexual activity. In addition to the photographic images the slick contains textual descriptions on the front and back. The text degrades and dehumanises by referring to persons with derogatory reference, and drawing attention to persons in a singularly sexual context which reduces them to body parts. This includes referring to females as 'sluts' and noting the activity is 'nasty', 'filthy', and 'disgusting'. A female apparently, "accomodates her guys with every hole!", and text on the front states that, "Every Hole is Filled". By degrading and dehumanising the persons referred to in such a strong manner, in text which describes the persons in derogatory language and reduces them to body parts, the video slick is considered likely to be injurious to the public good if made available. The video slick is likely to be classified as objectionable if submitted under s13 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 for classification.

In reaching this determination, consideration has been given to the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act. 1990 (NZBR Act). Due to textual references which strongly degrade and dehumanise, the decision to not approve this video slick is considered a justified limitation of the rights and freedoms contained in the NZBR Act.

Date: 15 July 1997

For the Classification Office (signed):

OFLC Ref: 9700279